

## OATH OF OFFICE

The oath of office was administered to Speaker-elect Lisa Demuth by the President of the Senate Bobby Joe Champion. The Speaker expressed her appreciation for the honor bestowed upon her.

Niska offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Agreement for House Organization dated February 5, 2025, is ratified by the members of the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota and that the document be printed in the Journal for today, February 6, 2025; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, that the Temporary Rules of the House for this session, the 94th Regular Session, shall be the same as the Permanent Rules of the House for the 93rd Regular Session as adopted by the House of Representatives on February 2, 2023, and are hereby adopted as the Temporary Rules of this House for the 94th Session, subject to the modifications contained in the Agreement for House Organization dated February 6, 2025, until such time as the House has adopted new Permanent Rules:

**AGREEMENT FOR HOUSE ORGANIZATION  
94TH REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
FEBRUARY 5, 2025**

1. Adoption; Duration.

1.1. Except where otherwise provided, this agreement is effective during any time in which the membership of the House of Representatives consists of 67 seated members of Republican Caucus and 67 seated members of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus.

1.2. This agreement must be presented to the House for ratification as the next item of business after election of a Speaker on February 6, 2025. Each caucus leader agrees to work in good faith to secure ratification without further amendment.

1.3. This agreement expires when a caucus of the House obtains an organizational majority of 68 members. An organizational majority of 68 members may be demonstrated by the issuance of a new election certificate or by 68 or more members filing a certification of their caucus membership with the chief clerk.

2. Conflicts.

2.1. (a) To the extent a conflict exists between terms of this agreement and other applicable authority, including the Temporary Rules of the House, the terms of this agreement prevail.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

3. Rules of the House; Amendments.

3.1. (a) House Rule 5.01 is in effect and applies to the terms of this agreement, including the Temporary Rules adopted herein, except that amendments to this agreement or House Rules, and new policies governing House operations, are not in order unless jointly agreed to by the Chair and Ranking Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus member of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

#### 4. Powers Shared by Speaker and Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader.

4.1. (a) Members of any councils, commissions, boards, or other bodies required to be appointed by the Speaker of the House or the minority leader of the House must be appointed, in equal numbers, by the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader. If the appointment authority provides for the appointment of an odd-number of members, the last member must be appointed by joint agreement of the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader. If the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader do not agree on a joint appointment, the position must remain vacant.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

4.2. (a) The Speaker, for the Republican Caucus, and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader, for the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus, may individually determine the application of House Rules 2.01 and 10.05, paragraph (b), to their respective caucus members. The Journal of the House must identify any member participating in a floor session via remote means pursuant to House Rule 10.05.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

#### 5. Committee Structure; Appointment of Members.

##### 5.1. (a) Standing committees and divisions of the House must be appointed as follows:

Agriculture Finance and Policy

Capital Investment

Children and Families Finance and Policy

Commerce Finance and Policy

Education Finance

Education Policy

Elections Finance and Government Operations

Energy Finance and Policy

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

Ethics

Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy

Health Finance and Policy

Higher Education Finance and Policy

Housing Finance and Policy

Human Services Finance and Policy

Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

Legacy Finance

Public Safety Finance and Policy

Rules and Legislative Administration

State Government Finance and Policy

Veterans and Military Affairs Division

Taxes

Transportation Finance and Policy

Ways and Means

Workforce, Labor, and Economic Development Finance and Policy

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

5.2. (a) For purposes of House Rule 4.03, the major finance and revenue bills are:

the agriculture finance bill;

the capital investment bill;

the children and families finance bill;

the commerce finance bill;

the education finance bill;

the elections finance bill;

the energy finance bill;

the environment and natural resources finance bill;

the health finance bill;

the higher education finance bill;

the housing finance bill;

the human services finance bill;

the judiciary finance bill;

the legacy finance bill;

the public safety finance bill;

the state government finance bill;

the tax bill;

the transportation finance bill; and

the workforce, labor, and economic development finance bill.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

5.3. The Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader must each appoint one member to serve as chair and one member to serve as vice-chair of each standing committee and division. The appointed members shall serve as co-chairs and co-vice-chairs, respectively.

5.4. (a) The membership of each committee and division must be equally divided between members of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus and the Republican Caucus, consistent with the rosters announced December 11, 2024, and subject to modification by joint agreement of the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader. One member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus shall be designated as a nonvoting member during any period in which the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus consists of 66 members.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

5.5. (a) The Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee must consist of five Republican members and three Democratic-Farmer-Labor members, appointed by each respective caucus leader. Rules 5.3 and 5.4 of this agreement do not apply to this committee.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

## 6. Conduct of Committee Business; Voting.

6.1. (a) The affirmative vote of a majority of all appointed committee members, excluding nonvoting members, is required for a standing committee or division to report favorably on a bill or other item of committee business.

(b) This rule is in effect upon adoption of this agreement.

6.2. The intent of this agreement is that all powers and duties of a committee chair will be exercised by joint agreement of the co-chairs. Except where otherwise provided, all provisions of this agreement, House Rules, and applicable law that establish powers or duties of a committee chair must be construed and applied in favor of this intent. The Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader may jointly issue additional guidance on implementation of this intent.

## 7. Bills on the Calendar for the Day.

7.1. To the extent practicable, a bill placed on the Calendar for the Day by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must be taken up on the day designated for its consideration. This Rule may be waived by joint agreement of the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader.

## 8. Conference Committees.

8.1. The House must only appoint an even number of members to a conference committee, divided equally between members of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus and the Republican Caucus. The leader representing each caucus must appoint that caucus' members.

8.2. To the extent practicable, a conference committee report must be taken up on the day it becomes available for consideration. This Rule may be waived by joint agreement of the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader.

## 9. Election Contests.

9.1. A communication received by the House on or after January 14, 2025, from a court of competent jurisdiction related to an election contest must be referred to the Committee on Ethics.

9.2. A challenge to the election returns or eligibility of a House member for which a communication from a court has not been received is not in order.

9.3. The Committee on Ethics must prescribe procedures for investigating and taking evidence in a hearing related to an election contest. The procedures must allow for the submission of evidence, and must provide the member whose eligibility is questioned with appropriate notice and an opportunity to be heard by the committee.

9.4. The Committee on Ethics must not act on an election contest referred to it until all proceedings in the contest, including appeals, have concluded.

9.5. No more than 15 days after receipt of a referral, or no more than 15 days after conclusion of all expected court communications have been received, whichever is later, the Committee on Ethics must conclude its consideration and may report its recommendations to the House for final disposition.

9.6. The House may consider the election returns and eligibility of a member only after receiving a report from the Committee on Ethics. A minority report on an election contest is not in order.

9.7. The affirmative vote of 68 members is required for the House to reject the returns of an election and declare a vacancy in the affected district.

9.8. Rules 9.1 to 9.8 are effective upon adoption of this agreement.

## 10. House Administration.

10.1 The Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader must jointly agree on decisions related to the administrative, business, and finance operations of the House, as identified by the House Director of Human Resources, the House Controller, or other appropriate staff.

## 11. Employment of Personnel.

11.1 (a) The complement of staff allocated to each caucus of the House must be that agreed to on November 18, 2024, and may only be modified by joint agreement of the Speaker and the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader. The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus Leader agrees to make good faith efforts to solicit and secure necessary support for the appropriation of additional funds to the House to protect the House carryforward account.

(b) This rule is effective upon adoption of this agreement.

This agreement has been signed and agreed to by the following members of the House on February 5, 2025.

On behalf of the Republican Caucus,

LISA DEMUTH  
HARRY NISKA  
KRISTIN ROBBINS  
PEGGY SCOTT  
PAUL TORKELSON

On behalf of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Caucus,

MELISSA HORTMAN  
JAMIE LONG  
AISHA GOMEZ  
ATHENA HOLLINS  
ZACK STEPHENSON

The question was taken on the adoption of the proposed Temporary Rules of the House for the 94th Session as modified by the Agreement for House Organization dated February 6, 2025 and the roll was called. There were 130 yeas and 2 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Acomb	Dotseth	Hemmingsen-Jaeger	Kozlowski	Noor	Sexton
Agbaje	Duran	Her	Koznick	Norris	Skraba
Allen	Elkins	Hicks	Kraft	Novotny	Smith
Altendorf	Engen	Hill	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Stephenson
Anderson, P. E.	Falconer	Hollins	Lawrence	Olson	Stier
Anderson, P. H.	Feist	Hortman	Lee, F.	Pérez-Vega	Swedzinski
Backer	Fischer	Howard	Lee, K.	Perryman	Tabke
Bahner	Fogelman	Hudson	Liebling	Pinto	Torkelson
Bakeberg	Franson	Huot	Lillie	Pursell	Van Binsbergen
Baker	Frazier	Hussein	Long	Quam	Vang
Bennett	Frederick	Igo	Mahamoud	Rarick	Virnig
Berg	Freiberg	Jacob	McDonald	Rehm	Warwas
Bierman	Gander	Johnson, P.	Mekeland	Rehrauer	West
Bliss	Gillman	Johnson, W.	Moller	Repinski	Wiener
Burkel	Gomez	Jones	Momanyi-Hiltsley	Reyer	Witte
Carroll	Gordon	Jordan	Mueller	Robbins	Wolgamott
Cha	Greene	Joy	Murphy	Rymer	Xiong
Clardy	Greenman	Keeler	Myers	Schomacker	Youakim
Coulter	Hansen, R.	Klevorn	Nadeau	Schultz	Zelevnikar
Curran	Hanson, J.	Knudsen	Nash	Schwartz	Spk. Demuth
Davids	Harder	Koegel	Nelson	Scott	
Davis	Heintzeman	Kotzya-Witthuhn	Niska	Sencer-Mura	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Dippel                      Roach

The motion prevailed and the resolution relating to the Temporary Rules of the House for the 94th Session as modified by the Agreement for House Organization dated February 6, 2025 was adopted.